

Sinclair Broadcasting's recent decision to make its stations broadcast the anti-Kerry documentary 'Stolen Honor' just days before the election seems to me another clear example of the adverse effects of media consolidation.

Sinclair is allowed to use public airwaves free of charge. This obligates Sinclair by law to serve the public interest. A one-sided program without the chance of a counter from the other side is clearly not fair and, thus, not in the public's interest. The media should report news, not make them.

Sinclair's actions clearly demonstrate that we need to tighten up media ownership rules, not weaken them. They make clear that the license renewal process needs to be taken seriously, and not just represent a rubber stamp.

Thank you.